

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Ray Buxton, Vern Glass, Kathy Smith, Les Case, Sue McKinnon and Wendy Chase.

Intent to cut forms were signed for William Chick and Larry Averill.

Accounts payable and payroll checks were reviewed and signed.

Letters to be sent to the Clarks were reviewed. It was decided to schedule the site walk on the Clark property on August 27, 2005. The letters will be signed next week and mailed to the Clarks.

An email from Brian Hart suggesting the Selectmen hang a plaque at the Town Hall in honor of all the donors of the Piscassic Greenway project. The Selectmen decided not to put a separate plaque at the town hall. There will be a plaque located at the site. James will contact Brian Hart and let him know.

A letter from Reuben to Atrio properties was read. The letter is in regards to the temporary construction trailer on the Evergreen Estates site. The Planning Board granted permission for a construction trailer only. The trailer is not to be used as a sales office. Reuben wrote a letter reminding Atrio property of this.

Janet made a motion to appoint William Meserve as the Newfields Representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission with his term to expire March of 2006, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Janet was unable to reach Bryan Christiansen from Comcast but left a message to contact her in regards to Channel 22.

James informed the Board that TPL did a press release on the DES Grant awarded to the Town for the Piscassic Greenway project.

Water Commissioners Ray Buxton, Vern Glass and Kathy Smith were in to discuss a salt shed easement with the Board of Selectmen.

Janet explained that Brian Knipstein discussed with the Selectmen the possibility of putting an easement in place around the salt shed area. An agreement is already in place but the Board of Selectmen and Road Agent would like to expand the area. The Board would like to put something in writing that would be agreeable to both the Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners were very agreeable to the idea. They have concerns on a few matters such as EPA standards for storing salt and liability insurance coverage.

The Board will contact EPA and find out more information on storing salt. They will also look into liability coverage.

Vern Glass suggested that the easement expand in back of the salt shed as well as around. He also suggested there be a fence installed around the easement. A fence around the easement would be very costly and would need to be phased in as well as future repairs to the salt shed.

It was agreed upon by both the Board of Selectmen and the Water & Sewer Commissioners that a gate should be installed at the entrance of the sewer plant off of Hervey Court. Vern Glass suggested a sliding gate which would open more easily.

The Board of Selectmen will meet with Brian Knipstein and write a description of the easement. It will then be reviewed, agreed upon and signed by both the Board and the Water & Sewer Commissioners.

Les Case was in to discuss the *Grist Mill* property. He has filed with the Superior Court a petition for quiet title. The property was never taxed because it was thought that the Town owned the property. Through research done by Land & Boundary Consultants it was determined that the Town does not own the *Grist Mill* property. Les Case discussed with the Selectmen the possibility of paying the taxes on the property and owning the land. It was explained to him that tax sales no longer exist in Newfields. It is a three year process from when the tax bill goes out and not paid to deeding the property over to the Town.

James explained to Mr. Case that Town Attorney Fran Lane has pointed the Board in the right direction and there are certain procedures the Board must follow through on. This process will not be a quick one.

Les Case has a proposed subdivision plan before the Planning Board and will be attending the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

James made a motion to approve the Selectmen's minutes of May 31, 2005, Janet seconded. 2-yes 1-abstained.

Janet requested backup receipts for a credit card payment made by the Police Department. Wendy will get copies from Melissa for next weeks meeting.

The Selectmen questioned Sue on the proper procedure for taxing owner unknown property. Sue explained that she would send a tax bill out to owner unknown addressed to the property location. The following year a lien would be executed on the property and two years after the lien the property would be deeded over to the Town. She will contact the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for more information.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase